

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1324 without my signature.

I signed a measure in 2006 to protect foster youth from identity theft that has not yet been fully implemented because of the state's fiscal challenges. This funding was appropriated in 2008 and when fully implemented, existing law will help foster youth that have been the victims of identity theft. Since the current program is still not fully operational, I believe this measure is premature and may have the unintended consequence of shifting county workload to the state.

If, through the implementation, it becomes clear that foster youth are not being served in the way the law intended, I would be willing to reconsider this matter.

For this reason, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger